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Examiner: Mr. Guillermo Perez

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant : Jun YAMADA et al)
Appln. No. : 09/868,233)
Filed : August 20, 2001)
For : SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME)
Attorney Ref. : GOT 142NP)

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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98, submitted within the time period specified in 37 CFR 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).

A Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed therein are attached. These references were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report on the counterpart European application, and a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is enclosed to show the relevance of the references.

Since one of the references is written in the Japanese language, an English-language "Patent Abstracts of Japan" summary of the reference is also enclosed to provide further information about the reference.

Although the Supplementary European Search Report identifies four references, only two references are being included in the present Information Disclosure Statement. The reason is that the other two references identified in the Supplementary European Search Report are already of record in this application.

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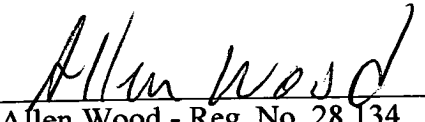
The Supplementary European Search Report was mailed on April 3, 2003. Accordingly, the undersigned attorney states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references, and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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